

**Tennessee**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>2012 Total*</b>	<b>5% Sequester</b>	<b>Revised Total</b>
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	72,095	-3,538	68,557

\* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Tennessee totaled about \$72 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$3.5 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has a presence in Tennessee with over 600 employees. Tennessee has six par units within its border including a national historic site, two battlefields, a military park, and a wild and scenic river and shares six park units with adjoining States. In addition, Tennessee hosts seven refuges and two fish hatcheries.
- Together these assets attracted over 8.3 million visitors, created over 16,000 jobs, and generated over \$1.1 billion for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Tennessee stand to lose an estimated:
  - \$265 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities.
  - \$1.4 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge* and *Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge*.
  - \$1.4 million from National Park Service sites like *Great Smoky Mountains National Park* and *Andrew Johnson National Historic Site*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Tennessee would drop by about \$1.6 million.

<b>Interior Grants and Payments</b>	<b>Estimate Total</b>	<b>Sequester</b>	<b>Revised Total</b>
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	3,000	-153	2,847
Cooperative Endangered Species Cons. Fund Grants	719	-36	683
Historic Preservation Fund	850	-43	807
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	787	-39	748
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,881	-96	1,785
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	23,849	-1,216	22,633
State and Wildlife Grants	846	-42	804
<b>Total, Tennessee</b>	<b>31,932</b>	<b>-1,625</b>	<b>30,307</b>

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.